

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 179

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 126

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 179—Relative to Officer Mark A. White Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 179, Leslie. Officer Mark A. White Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 65 as the Officer Mark A. White Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, Roseville Police Officer Mark A. White, a dedicated officer, was killed in the line of duty on Friday, February 10, 1995, when he was fatally shot during a hostage situation; and

WHEREAS, When Officer White was killed, his funeral procession was estimated to be over nine miles long. Officers and other mourners came from all over the State of California, and some attended from as far away as Nebraska and Ohio. Officer White was remembered as a happy, warm, compassionate officer who had a zest for life, a dedicated father, and a loving husband; and

WHEREAS, Officer White was a highly respected, dedicated officer for over nine years, first serving in Sutter County as a Deputy Sheriff for five years, then in Roseville as a Police Officer for four years. While serving in Sutter County, Officer White was a member of the S.E.D. team and a diver with the search and rescue team. While serving in Roseville, Officer White was the neighborhood officer, he worked hand in hand with community members cleaning up the streets and making it a safer place for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Officer White was only 30 years of age when he was killed. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Liz, and they had a 4-year-old son, Matthew. Two weeks prior to his death they had just found out that Liz was pregnant with their second child, a daughter, Whitney. Unfortunately, Whitney and her father never met; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the sacrifice of this devoted officer, killed in the line of duty, be remembered on a highway memorializing his dedication to public service. It would be a fitting tribute to Officer

White to name a portion of State Highway Route 65, before it turns into Interstate 80, as the Officer Mark A. White Memorial Highway; and

WHEREAS, This memorial highway will continue to remind us of the ultimate sacrifice Officer White made on that cold, wet February afternoon, as well as remind us of the sacrifices peace officers make on a daily basis; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby officially designates the portion of State Highway Route 65 between the intersection with Sunset Boulevard and the intersection with State Highway Route 193, in Placer County, as the Officer Mark A. White Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing these special designations, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

